

## Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

Kissing dangerous? Get a breach of promise suit and find out.

Blizzards that linger on the way become harmless as a summer's rain.

Baseball will soon make politics look like 30 cents. The sap is rising.

Weather that makes the plumber kick and the loaman growl is the kind most folks like.

A pessimist is a man who believes that spring as an institution has been done away with.

A baby was born in New York recently with a full set of teeth, but it had no meal ticket.

Uncle Sam owns 1,500 hens at Panama and he expects every one of them to do its part nobly.

Comets and the end of the world are no longer being worked simultaneously. They have dissolved partnership.

The Harvard professor who says a man can live on 20 cents a day speaks academically for academic purposes.

Did it ever occur to you how much easier the word "aeroplane" would be to pronounce if we could call it "aeroplane?"

Another plot has been discovered in Portugal. That kingdom is closely running Russia's old established record for plots.

The hen is a bird, says the treasury department. Any one buying "strictly fresh" eggs these days will agree that she is a luxury.

In 1842 the Chicago papers were voicing mild protests against the large spring bonnets. Millinery, like history, is a repeater.

If the comet has so much gas in its tail will not the gas companies of this mundane sphere warn it by injunction from trespassing on their domain?

A Paris editor gets four years for praising the murderer of a policeman, and the murderer of a Cuban editor serves one day. What is the moral?

One trouble is that a statesman in endeavoring to get to the level of the plain people is in danger of underestimating the plain people's intelligence and refinement.

One trouble of the city farmer will be how to pitch his crops for the coming year when he looks over the price of everything he has been buying as a consumer.

The ice cream ptomaine has started in to work, poisoning 60 patrons of a church fair in a New Jersey town. But it takes more than this to frighten the brave who treat the fair.

Calculations of the enormous theoretical losses in a slump in the New York stock exchange afford very little consolation to the lamb who was in for a few thousands of real money.

Mastodon steaks, preserved in ice for 250,000 years, are said by cold storage advocates to be perfectly delicious. But that has nothing to do with the scarcity of strictly fresh eggs.

An ungallant French judge has decided that spinsters of 39 have no legal redress if they are fitted, because by that time they are old enough to know whether a man is in earnest or not and it is their own fault if they are swindled out of their mature affections. This decision will be a blow to the spinsters whose hopes are blighted, but whose thrift remains.

The fair co-eds of a western university have issued a proclamation against the wearing of mustaches by either students or professors, threatening a boycott of all who disobey this order. Any professor who wears his face as it suits him, in defiance of their wishes, will find the co-eds absent from his lectures. Which gives room for thought on the effect of discipline and the higher education on character building.

Commend us to that Toledo man who had ten tons of turnips to sell, but was not satisfied with the price offered him by the wholesalers, and deliberately gave the entire lot to the populace, who carried those turnips away in baskets, says Chicago Tribune. He could afford to do it, and he did it, and through his indignant generosity, so to speak, more people in Toledo probably feasted on boiled turnips during the next 24 hours than ever before in the history of the city, while all the circumambient atmosphere was redolent of their more or less grateful perfume. But suppose it had been a carload of onions?

Even though the average wages of workmen in Germany have increased 20 per cent during the past 20 years, they still look small in comparison with the wages of workmen here in the United States.

Now an Illinois farmer comes forward with what is practically a cobless variety of corn. In this case the grains grow directly from the stem, and the resulting waste is said to be much less than in the cob kind. Will the evolution proceed until the husks also are eliminated?

"A Connecticut man," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "plans to form a skunk trust. The fellow who crowds past weary old ladies for the purpose of getting the only seat in the car should be made chairman of the board."

Official investigations into flood damages in France place the loss in 14 out of 98 departments at \$14,600,000. If the proportion is maintained elsewhere it would seem that the original estimate of \$200,000,000 for the entire loss was not excessive.

## ROOSEVELT WILL NOT SEE THE POPE

VITICAN REFUSES AUDIENCE WHEN ASKED TO WAIVE RESTRICTIONS.

VICTOR EMMANUEL GREETED HIM

Queen Helena Grants an Audience to the Distinguished Visitors, Including Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel.

Rome, Italy.—The audience which it was believed Colonel Theodore Roosevelt would have with the pope Tuesday, did not take place, owing to the restrictions which the Vatican has imposed and which Mr. Roosevelt refused to accept.

Although the definite negotiations relating to the audience ended before Mr. Roosevelt departed from Egypt, the announcement was withheld until Mr. Roosevelt reached Rome, at the solicitation of his American Catholic friends here, who believed that in the meantime the Vatican might change his mind.

One of the former president's American friends who had been with him in Egypt came to Rome, without, however, any authorization from Mr. Roosevelt, and interceded with Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary, in an endeavor to avoid a situation which as it now stands has caused a real sensation in Rome, although it was not entirely unexpected, but his efforts were unavailing.

While at Gondokoro in February last Mr. Roosevelt wrote to Ambassador Leishman, saying that he would be glad of the honor of an audience with King Victor Emmanuel and the pope. The audience with the king was promptly arranged. Before an arrangement could be reached relative to an audience with the pope several telegrams were passed, and the negotiations were ended by Mr. Roosevelt's refusing in any way to be limited as to his conduct, and announcing that the audience with the pope under the circumstances was now impossible.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who arrived in Rome quietly Sunday, was received in the Quirinal this morning by King Victor Emmanuel, Ambassador Leishman accompanied the distinguished American and introduced him to the king, who talked with the colonel for some time. Kermit Roosevelt shared with his father the honor of the royal audience, and his majesty included the young man in the conversation, being greatly interested in the exploits and experiences of the hunting party in Africa.

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## UNMISTAKABLE SIGN OF SPRING



## KLEIN JOKES AS HE BEGINS PRISON LIFE

JOLLY PITTSBURGH GRAFTER STARTS OUT TO MAKE DETECTIVES WALK, BUT RELENTS.

SHIP SUBSIDY PROBE RESUMED

Inquiry Into Mississippi Scandal Promises Interesting Developments—Senator Percy Courts Inquiry of His Election.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—"Captain Johnny" Klein, former common councilman, whose confession of graft "pulled out the props and let the sky fall in the present graft crusade, was taken to the Western penitentiary Wednesday to begin serving his 3½-year sentence.

"We are going to walk," the diminutive councilman, with a big cigar in his mouth, announced to the two detectives accompanying him, but after walking a short distance his heart grew soft and the trio boarded a street car.

When the prison was reached it was found that Klein's commitment papers were lacking, so the jovial councilman was forced to wait in the office until the proper papers were brought by the sheriff.

The grand jury resumed its investigations Wednesday morning, and a half dozen employees of an express company, which is alleged to have transferred the \$45,000 bribe money which was paid by the banks to a representative of the councilman in a New York hotel, testified. Former Councilman Richard Armstrong, who had confessed, also was a witness.

STERLING STARTS SHIP SUBSIDY INQUIRY.

Washington, D. C.—The charges of corrupt practices of members of the house for the advancement of foreign or other shipping interests in



JOHN A. STERLING.

connection with ship subsidy legislation will be investigated by a special committee of five members of the house.

The inquiry was started Tuesday by Sterling of Illinois, who, as a member of the committee on the judiciary, reported to the house a resolution providing for an investigation into the charges.

Expect More Indictments

Jackson, Miss.—With the resumption of the executive session of the Mississippi senate investigating the alleged bribery practiced during the race for the United States senate that resulted in the election of Leroy Percy over former Gov. Vardaman, Wednesday, indications are that the inquiry will reveal further corrupt methods in state politics.

News from the grand jury room says that indictments are expected to be returned Wednesday against prominent politicians.

Percy Says He Courts Inquiry.

Washington, D. C.—Learning of the decision of the Mississippi state senate to probe the charges of bribery in connection with his election, Senator Leroy Percy said he would welcome a thorough investigation. He denies that he or his friends made any use of money in the election.

Quake Recorded in Kansas.

Lawrence, Kan.—The seismograph at the University of Kansas registered an earthquake shock for about 20 minutes Wednesday.

## BANKER'S SISTERS TESTIFY

DECLARES MRS. SAYLER BLAMED SLAIN HUSBAND FOR KILLING.

"It Was All By His Fault," Witness Says Wife Remarked as She Leaned Over Dead Body.

Watsika, Ill.—That Mrs. Lucy Saylor, leaning over the body of her slain husband, J. Bryan Saylor, declared that it was all his fault, was the testimony which stood out sharply in the trial of Mrs. Saylor, her father, John Grundgen, and W. R. Miller, for the murder of Saylor.

Two sisters of the slain banker declared that such was the utterance of Mrs. Saylor beside the corpse in the Saylor home. One of them, Ida Sneed, caused consternation in the crowded courtroom, by saying that Mrs. Saylor "looked as if she felt like saying to the body of my brother: 'We have got you where we want you.'"

This remark was ruled out of the evidence by the court. Both Mrs. Sneed and her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Sneed, declared that Mrs. Saylor showed no grief over the death of her husband.

Mrs. Myrtle Green, of Onarga, sister of J. B. Saylor, also said Mrs. Saylor exhibited no sign of grief over her husband's death the Monday after the shooting.

"Mrs. Saylor leaned over the body of my brother," said the witness and said: "Undoubtedly, it was all by his fault."

The witness was agitated as she repeated the words, and with still more emotion declared that Mrs. Saylor said she ran from the room when the trouble started.

## NO DELAY IN HYDE TRIAL

State and Defense Announce Readiness to Begin Court Action on April 11.

Kansas City, Mo.—It was announced by the prosecutor's office the state would ask no delay in the trial of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde for the murder of Col. Thomas Swope.

The trial promises to be the most expensive legal contest ever carried on in the west. The first week, while the jury is being chosen, will cost the county nearly \$400 a day for the appearance of the 200 men on the venire. If the trial continues, as is expected, it will cost the county between \$25,000 and \$40,000.

## HIRES WOLTER'S LAWYER

Sympathy for Mother of New York Youth, Accused of Slaying Little Girl, Prompts Act.

New York City.—Before Albert Wolter was arraigned to plead to the indictment charging him with the murder of 15-year-old Ruth Wheeler, it was learned that his counsel, Wallace D. Scott, had been engaged by a very wealthy woman. According to the reports, Mrs. John Murray Mitchell of Tuxedo has furnished money to retain Mr. Scott.

A police official said: "I understand that a wealthy woman retained counsel for this lad. She said that she could not bear to think that the mother of Wolter had not the satisfaction of knowing that all possible would be done to prove the innocence of her son."

The defense is said to have come upon evidence that there was another man in Wolter's room when Ruth Wheeler was killed, and that he has since disappeared.

Big British Liner Founders.

London, Eng.—The shipping firm of G. Thompson & Co. received word of the sinking of its big liner, Pericles, off Cape Leeuwin, on the southwestern coast of Australia. The crew and passengers were saved.

Steel Trust to Raise Wages.

New York City.—The managers of the United States Steel corporation are considering a proposition to make a general advance in the wages of all employees other than high salaried officers.

Eight Years in Prison for "Count."

Hoboken, N. J.—Emil Karl von Mueller, better known as "The Marrying Count," arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., some weeks ago on a charge of bigamy and found guilty, was sentenced to eight years in prison at hard labor.

Wage Increase for Coal Miners.

Irwin, Pa.—Five coal companies operating in the Irwin field have granted a wage increase of one-half per cent to go into effect April 1. The advance affects 5,000 men.

## HOUSE REPORTS RAILROAD BILL

TWENTY CHANGES ARE PROPOSED IN EXISTING LAWS.

WILL CORRECT MANY FAULTS

Amended Measure Will Give Government More Control of Common Carriers of the Country.

Washington, D. C.—The railroad bill, otherwise known as the administration's amendatory of the interstate commerce act, which has been before the house interstate and foreign commerce committee since January 10, was reported to the house by Chairman Mann.

The bill, as amended by the committee, embraces the chief features of some twenty odd measures dealing with the existing law. The changes correct the faults as outlined in various court decisions so that the government will have, after the passage of the bill, more active and better control of the common carriers of the country.

One important change is that hereafter suits, brought by or against the Interstate Commerce commission, shall be brought by or against the United States, and the attorney general, in all cases, is to represent the government.

Another important change is that which deals with the long and short haul clause of the existing law. The words "under substantially similar circumstances and conditions" are eliminated so that the railroad can no longer discriminate.

## PARCELS POST IS IN SIGHT

Post Office Committee Offers Concession by Bill Reducing Rates on Fourth Class Matter.

Washington, D. C.—It is expected the house postoffice committee will soon make a concession to the demand for a parcels post, by reporting a bill reducing the rate on fourth class matter from 16 to 12 cents per pound.

If the bill ever gets before the house, it can be amended by increasing the size of the packages to more than four pounds, as at present, which would be a long step toward establishing a genuine parcels post system.

## ROSE VINE GROWS FRUIT

Tastes Like Pineapple and May Be Eaten Raw or Cooked—Is Result of Grafting.

Berkeley, Cal.—Hugo Lilenthal, a horticulturist here, announces the discovery of an edible fruit from the climbing rose. He declares this fruit in course of time will take the place of the Logan berry, to which it is allied. Lilenthal succeeded in obtaining the fruit by cross-grafting. The fruit, which he says is quite nutritious and has a flavor like a pineapple, may be eaten either raw or cooked.

## 2 KILLED IN STREET DUEL

Two Frenchmen Fight in Streets of New York Early Friday Morning.

New York City.—Two Frenchmen fought a duel early Friday morning in a New York street, not far from the East Side water front. One of them was killed by a shot fired straight through his head. His adversary escaped, leaving no clue to his identity.

## INVESTIGATE INSURANCE

York State Legislature to Make a Sweeping Probe of All Insurance Companies.

Albany, New York.—A sweeping investigation into the affairs of every fire insurance company in the state, particularly with reference to large sums of money said to have been spent by them in Albany during recent years to kill or promote legislation, is provided for in a resolution reported by the assembly committee on ways and means.

## WAGE INCREASE REFUSED

Six Per Cent Advance, Offered by the Erie, Is Rejected by the Employees of the Company.

New York City.—The Erie Railroad company Thursday offered all its employees now receiving less than \$300 a month, an increase of 6 per cent in wages, provided the original demands made by the men would be withdrawn.

Will Go After Glass Company.

Pittsburg, Pa.—It was learned that after three months' investigation, federal officers are ready to present to a special grand jury here Monday evidence proposing to show that the Imperial Window Glass company is a trust in violation of the Sherman act.

Marie Corelli Very Ill.

London, Eng.—Marie Corelli, novelist, is seriously ill of pneumonia at her home, Masoncroft, Stratford-upon-Avon. Her condition has given rise to serious alarm.

New Liability Act Passed.

Washington, D. C.—The senate passed the bill amending the act fixing the liability of common carriers to their employees for injuries. The bill had previously passed the house and was amended by senate, which will require that it go to conference.

500 Brewery Workers Strike.

La Crosse, Wis.—Five hundred brewery workers refused an increased scale, and went on a strike Friday morning.

## MISSOURI NEWS

Scholarships Announced.

Columbia.—Winners of scholarships in the short course in agriculture at the university this session were announced. The scholarships are given by the Wabash railroad, and were distributed as follows: E. K. Pew, Midtown, Montgomery county; E. J. Beyer, Chesterfield, St. Louis county; George Salfen, Hamburg, St. Charles county; A. B. Wells, Maryville, Nodaway county; A. H. Schobbenhorst, Marthasville, Warren county; B. Vocum, Bynumville, Charlton county; V. Goodling, Atlanta, Macon county; J. O. Cochran, Wakenda, Carroll county; G. H. Morthland, Mollino, Audrain county; C. M. Munson, Columbia, Boone county; J. A. Smith, Lawson, Ray county; R. S. Casebeer, Chula, Livingston county; R. G. Pogue, Jamesport, Davies county; B. F. Wayman, Albany, Gentry county.

Hadley Names Sang Judge.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley is trying to find a committee to award the \$1,000 prize offered by himself, Kreisemann, for a good state song. He announced the appointment of William Schuyler, assistant principal of McKinley high school of St. Louis, who is a poet and a writer. This makes three to accept. The other two are: Professor Pommer, Missouri University, and Professor Karl Busch, Kansas City.

## Would Move Courthouse Site.

Williamsville.—Realizing that Wayne county needs a new courthouse and jail, the citizens of Williamsville in a mass meeting decided to offer a new building and site, provided the county seat is moved from its present location at Greenville to this place. This action followed a committee report on the sentiment of the people.

## Missouri-Kansas Bill Favored.

Washington, D. C.—The house committee on the judiciary ordered a favorable report upon Representative Booher's bill authorizing the states of Kansas and Missouri to enter into negotiations and agree upon their jurisdiction over land which shifts from one state to the other by reason of the vagaries of the Missouri River.

## Grain Law Held Valid.

Jefferson City.—The supreme court en banc in a decision written by Judge Gantt sustained the validity of the law passed by the forty-fifth general assembly last winter prohibiting the deduction of 100 pounds from the weight of a car of grain, hay, etc., when offered for sale in the markets of the state.

## Alumni to Manage Campaign.

Columbia.—The management of the campaign to obtain 20,000 signatures to the petition for the submission of the direct-tax amendment to the voters of Missouri at the regular election next fall, will be vested in a committee from the alumni of the University of Missouri.

## Webb City Has Two Fires.

Webb City.—When two separate fires started here Tuesday night, one entailing a loss of \$3,000 at the Winslow Ore mill, the fire department crippled a horse leaving the station and Joplin's automobile fire department responded to the rescue, making the run of six miles here in 10 minutes.

## Hospital Campaign Disappoints.

Cape Girardeau.—The result of the hospital campaign here Monday was a disappointment, as only \$3,000 was raised of the \$20,000 desired. The sisters of the hospital say they will be compelled to remove their institution unless the amount is raised in thirty days.

## Hadley Paroles Joplin Slayer.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley granted a parole to C. M. Parnell of Joplin, who was serving a twelve-year sentence in the penitentiary for killing Peter Marthias of Joplin in 1896. The killing followed a quarrel.

## Embalmers' Board is Republican.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley appointed Frank C. Haley, Jr., of Louisiana, a member of the state board of embalmers for five years, vice M. Scanlon. This changes the board to a Republican personnel.

## Fires Damage Valuable Timber.

Centerville.—Destructive forest fires have been raging throughout this section. In the counties of Carter, Shannon, Dent and Reynolds dwellings, fencing and farm buildings have been burned. The greatest loss is of timber.

## Higher Pay Given Car Men.

Springfield.—Employees of the Springfield Traction Company, more than a hundred in number, were granted a voluntary increase in wages of 1½ cents an hour. The increase went into effect April 1.

## Supreme Court Clerk Is Dead.

Jefferson City.—John R. Green, clerk of the supreme court of Missouri, died Thursday in Denver, where he went a few months ago for his health. Green had been ill almost two years.

Man Who Never Walked Dies.

Macon.—John Henry Griffin, aged 69, Macon county's most remarkable citizen, who never walked a step in his life, died Wednesday, as he was being assisted in his buggy to drive downtown.

Beer Tax Receipts Increase.

Jefferson City.—The state collected on beer tax last month \$38,675.45. This was an increase over a corresponding period of last year of \$9,344.76, and a gain over February of \$10,195.01.

## Gov. Hadley Orchard Invaded.

Jefferson City.—Some miscreant, fearing of the displeasure of the chief executive or the statutes, entered Governor Hadley's orchard Sunday night and stole eight fruit trees which were planted Saturday evening.

## IN HOSPITAL FOR NINE MONTHS.

Awful Tale of Suffering From Kidney Trouble.



Alfred J. O'Brien, Second St. Sterling, Colo., says: "I was in the Baltimore Marine Hospital for nine months. I had a dull pain in the small of my back that completely wore me out. The urine was in a terrible state, and some days I would pass half a gallon of blood. I left the hospital because they wanted to operate on me. I went to St. Joseph's Hospital at Omaha and put in three months there without any gain. I was pretty well discouraged when I was advised to use Doan's Kidney Pills. I did so and by the time I had taken one box, the pain in the back left me. I kept right on and a perfect cure was the result."

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

## REAL WISE BOY WAS WILLIE

May Not Have Known Proper Answer to Question, But He Knew the Fair Sex.

"Flattery," said William Faversham, at a rehearsal in New York